



TAYLOR HARDIN TIMES

JUNE 2020

June is Men's Health Month!

15% of men will suffer from a mental illness. Don't be afraid to talk with someone you trust.



Goal of Men's Health Month

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. This month gives health care providers, public policy makers, the media, and individuals an opportunity to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury. The response has been overwhelming with thousands of awareness activities in the USA and around the globe.

June 18-25, 2020 is National Nursing Assistants Week!

Taylor Hardin celebrates our Forensic Technicians during this time. These employees are with the patients providing care on the front line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your passion for our patients' health and safety is appreciated every day.

THANK YOU for all you do!



NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH



June is National Safety Month. The National Safety Council is shining a spotlight on mental health in the workplace.

Roughly 85% of employee's mental health conditions are undiagnosed or untreated. The Alabama Department of Mental Health strives to make employee health a priority to assure that our patients are receiving quality care from trained professionals.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JUNE 14 FLAG DAY

Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers.

JUNE 21 FATHER'S DAY

Whether biological, adopted or informally, if they are the father figure to you, give him some recognition today and don't hesitate to call him "Dad".

COVID-19 AND PATIENT CARE

All visitation to the Alabama Department of Mental Health treatment facilities will continue to be suspended to protect our patients from COVID-19. You may continue to maintain contact with your family member through telephone and mail communications until this crisis has subsided. You will be kept informed of your family's status and you may contact your relative's social worker if you have additional questions related to his status as consent allows.

All primary next-of-kin will be notified when visitation is able to be resumed. Your assistance with communicating this information to other family members/next-of-kin who may be approved for visitation would be much appreciated.

We want to assure our patient's families that our patient's care has not been disrupted during this time and they are continuing to receive services as they were prior to

ADVOCATE'S CORNER



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This month I am focusing on the patient's legal right to file a Writ of Habeas Corpus. Habeas Corpus is a Medieval Latin term and, when translated literally, means "bring the body of the defendant before us". It is a legal action through which a person can report to the court that they believe their detention/commitment is unlawful and request that the court determine whether the detention/commitment is indeed lawful or not.

In the state of Alabama, the Writ of Habeas Corpus falls under the Alabama Rules of Criminal Procedure Rule 25.8 "Release from Commitment". Here, the defendant can allege that he is no longer mentally ill or no longer poses a threat of harm to himself or others. This rule allows for an application for release from a facility.

At Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility, this means that if the patient believes that he is being held at the facility illegally, he has the right to file a petition for release with the attorney of his choice. A patient may ask the Facility Advocate, ADAP, or their attorney for assistance in obtaining the appropriate forms for this.

WE WANT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

Have a question or comment about the newsletter?
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